

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
April 28, 2014

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 8:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Kochenburger who abstained. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2014 special meeting. The motion passed with all in favor except for Councilors Moran and Ryan who abstained.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Amendments to Fee Waiver Ordinance

Peter Kochenburger, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the fee waiver ordinance and briefly described the proposed changes.

No comments were offered by the public.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Ric Hossack, Middle Turnpike, spoke to the history of the Four Corner Sewer Project and asked that the Council spend no additional funds until the issue has gone to referendum. Brian Coleman, Centre Street, warned the Council that there will be more budget shortfalls to come and urged them to sharpen their pencils.

Arthur Smith, Mulberry Road, objected to the new firefighter position and stated that residents and elected officials can no longer maintain an "ignorance is bliss" attitude.

V. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

The Town Manager presented his written report and noted the Annual Town Meeting will take place on May 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Middle School and the Town Council's Public Information Session will take place on May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

VI. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson congratulated students, public safety officials, and all those who worked together to make Spring Weekend a safe event. The Mayor also thanked the staff of the Senior Sparks for providing a detailed budget meeting schedule on their front page.

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to move Item 8, Appointment of Town Attorney, as the first item under Old Business. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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2. Memorandum of Agreement with Connecticut Water Company, Water System Advisory Committee

Mr. Kochenburger moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement dated April 28, 2014, between the Town of Mansfield and the Connecticut Water Company, concerning the Water System Advisory Committee.

Committee on Committees Chair Peter Kochenburger explained the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement proposed by the Committee noting the total number of members is now thirteen. In response to concerns about a non-Mansfield resident being appointed by one of the appointing committees, by consensus, the following was added to Section A 1) a. "...all of whom shall be Mansfield residents." The motion, as adjusted, passed unanimously.

3. Community Water and Wastewater Issues, Four Corners Water and Wastewater Project

Director of Public Works John Carrington, Chair of the Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee Ken Rawn and representatives of Weston and Sampson Chris Weston and Derek Dilaj reviewed the project areas, conceptual layout, and proposed schedule for the Four Corners Sewer Collection System. Items discussed included the need for a second pumping station, the need to avoid wetlands and flood plains, the possible inclusion of Timber Drive properties and potential costs to homeowners and taxpayers. The complete design work will provide answers to many of these questions.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded, effective April 28, 2014, to appropriate \$350,000 of the Municipal Aid Adjustment grant received in December 2013 and to increase the Transfer Out to Capital/CNR by \$350,000 for the purpose of funding the Four Corners Sewer/Water Improvement project. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Wassmundt who voted against the motion.

4. Acceptance of Bolton Road Extension, Royce Circle, Wilbur Cross Way and Charles Smith Way

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded, effective April 28, 2014, to accept Bolton Road Extension, Royce Circle, Wilbur Cross Way and Charles Smith Way as part of the Town's road system. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Proposed Amendments to Fee Waiver Ordinance

Ms. Moran moved and Ms. Raymond seconded to suspend Rule 6(d) of the Council Rules of Procedures and consider the amended ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kochenburger moved and Mr. Ryan seconded, effective April 28, 2014, to accept the proposed amendments to the Fee Waiver Ordinance, which amendments shall be effective 21 days after publication in a newspaper having circulation within the Town of Mansfield.

Ms. Raymond moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to amend the motion by removing "fiscal" from §122-5 B.

The amendment passed unanimously.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

6. Community/Campus Relations

The Town Manager noted the difference in the level of public safety issues which occurred in the most recent Spring Weekend compared to the same event seven or eight years ago. He credited the team efforts of all involved.

7. Storrs Center Update

The Town Manager referred members to his report in the Town Manager's report.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

8. Appointment of Town Attorney  
Attorneys Kevin Deneen and James Welch were introduced by Personnel Committee Chair Antonia Moran. Ms. Moran described the selection process and noted that the Personnel Committee is now working on an agreement with the firm which will be presented to the Council. Attorney Deneen remarked that they are looking forward to working with the Town.
9. Application to Connecticut Clean Fuel Program  
Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to approve the following resolution:  
Resolved, on April 28, 2014, that the Mansfield Town Council approves the filing of the application to purchase an alternate fueled vehicle under the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Connecticut Clean Fuel Program.  
The motion passed unanimously.
10. Town Manager's Performance Review and FY 2013/14 Compensation  
Ms. Moran, Chair of the Personnel Committee, moved to increase the Town Manager's annual salary by 1.5% to an annual salary of \$140,481, retroactive to July 1, 2013.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Peter Kochenburger, Chair of the Committee on Committees, moved the Committee's recommendation to appoint Denise Keane as an alternate on the Ethics Board for a term ending 6/30/2015.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**X. DEPARTMENTAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS ([www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov))**

No comments offered

**XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.B. Coleman (03/24/14)
- 12.M. Friedland (03/27/14) Mr. Ryan asked the Council to consider Ms. Friedland's suggestion to prohibit smoking in the new Town Square.
- 13.H. Raphaelson (04/23/14)
- 14.E. Paterson/J. Goodwin re: Proposed Engineering and Science Building
- 15.E. Paterson/J. Goodwin re: Proposed STEM Residence Hall
- 16.Planning and Zoning Commission re: 2014-15 Capitol Improvement Budget
- 17.M. Hart re: Connecting Connecticut USDOT TIGER Application
- 18.M. Hart re: Storrs Center Alliance, LLC
- 19.M. Hart re: University of Connecticut Innovative Partnership Building
- 20.Government Finance Officers Association re: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- 21.The Last Green Valley – 2013 Tourism Impact Report
- 22.WINCOG re: Windham Region Transit District (WRTD)
- 23.Mansfield Minute – April 2014
- 24.Mission in Zuni, NM

**XII. FUTURE AGENDA**

Mr. Kegler requested a Council discussion on the issues surrounding the Mansfield Board of Education Superintendent's mileage reimbursement.

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Members discussed whether the Council has jurisdiction or if it is solely an issue for the Board of Education to address, and the process and procedures used by the Finance Department regarding documentation for reimbursement.

By consensus the Council will ask the Finance Director to present the policies and procedures for out of pocket expenses for employees of the Town to the Finance Committee who in turn will report back to the Council.

Ms. Wassmundt requested the Council establish a policy regarding access to the town attorney. Ms. Moran noted this subject will be discussed at a future Personnel Committee meeting.

Ms. Wassmundt requested the Council prioritize their goals at a future meeting.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk